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Topography

1. Choushuitzu Airfield (121-33, 38-57) covers an area of approximately 4.5 square miles. The airfield slopes gently from northeast to southwest, and 80 percent of the surface is rocky clay soil.
2. There are two runways, both cement-paved, at the airfield<sup>1</sup>. The north-south runway is 1,250 meters long and the east-west runway is 1,450 meters long.

Air Facilities

3. Six of the 14 hangars at the airfield are newly built. Each of the 8 older hangars, which are on the west side, can house about 14 planes. The sizes of the six new hangars, which are made of steel and cement, are as follows:
  - a. Two on the northwest side of the airfield are 70 x 70 meters.
  - b. Three on the east side, about 200 meters south of the east-west runway, are 60 x 50 meters.
  - c. One adjacent to the above three is 40 x 40 meters.
4. Bombs of different sizes, shipped to the field in July 1948, are stored in temporary sheet-iron huts on the northwest side of the airfield, behind the newly-built hangars. The huts are covered with oil cloth.
5. Two-story cement buildings, which house an office, telegraph office, mess hall and club, are on the southwest side of the field.
6. About 250 meters behind the cement buildings there is a fuel oil storage warehouse with a capacity of 800 drums. On 15 December 1948 there were 500 drums of fuel at this warehouse.
7. One kilometer southwest of the airfield there are cement barracks, with a total of more than 80 rooms, which have telephone facilities. One regiment,

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equipped with 60 mountain pack guns, 40 field artillery pieces, 12 heavy artillery pieces and 24 mortars, is stationed in these barracks.

8. One kilometer south of the barracks there is a sixty-room ammunition storage warehouse built of cement.
9. On the hill north of the airfield there is an aviation gasoline storage warehouse now holding 1,100 drums of gasoline.
10. On the hill northwest of the airfield there are a radio station and a weather station.
11. East of the airfield there is a repair shop (in the buildings of a former Japanese army dog-training camp), which is divided into four departments: Fabrication, electrical parts, engine repair and recording meter repair.
12. A wind velocity meter is installed on the roof of the meter-repair department. The external part of the wind velocity meter is a cross-shaped rod on a revolving axle, with half-bowl-shaped devices on the ends of the rod.

Defenses

13. There are two barbed-wire fences extending from the southwest corner of the airfield to the northeast corner. The four-foot outer fence has three rows of wire and is electrically charged. From the southwest corner, extending due north, there is a three-row barbed-wire electrified fence behind which are four-men sentry huts every 200 feet.
14. At the four corners of the airfield there are two-story pillboxes which can hold about 50 men and which have telephone facilities and search lights. There is a permanent anti-aircraft (AA) gun position next to each pillbox. The AA guns are 85 and 120 mm. On the hills north of the airfield there are permanent AA gun positions.
15. There are observation posts at the four corners of the field and one on the south side. Communication is maintained between the observation posts by signal flags.

Personnel and Aircraft

16. The 6 Ta Tui (大隊)<sup>2</sup> is stationed at the airfield. This unit, commanded by Ch'ai-li (蔡里)(sic), has a total of 56 vehicles. The unit contains two guard companies with a total of 312 officers and men, one field maintenance company of 156 officers and men, 78 supply troops and 32 communications troops.
17. There are twelve Soviet military police quartered at the railroad station one kilometer south of the airfield.
18. There are about one hundred NE-2 Model<sup>3</sup> light bombers at the airfield. These planes have two 2,000-horsepower air-cooled radial engines, low equally-tapered wings with rounded tips, a long smooth body and a single tail. The maximum speed of the bombers is 600 kilometers per hour, the cruising speed about 400 kilometers per hour, and the service ceiling about 10,000 meters<sup>4</sup>. Armament consists of one 13 mm gun<sup>5</sup>, one 37 mm gun and two 20 mm guns. The bombers carry a crew of three and have an ammunition load of 750 kilograms.
19. There are 21 JK-9 Model<sup>6</sup> fighter planes at the airfield. These planes have a single water-cooled 1,850 horsepower engine<sup>7</sup>, a maximum speed of 630 kilometers per hour, a cruising speed of about 400 kilometers per hour, and a service ceiling of about 11,000 meters. The planes are armed with one 20 mm gun<sup>8</sup> and two 13 mm guns. The plane carries only one man, and the ammunition load is 150 kilograms.
20. The commanding officer of the airfield is Major Pu-ning (布寧)(sic). The aviation commander is K'e-li-ch'e-fu (克里車夫)(sic). The majority of the pilots live in Dairen.

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Comment. According to available information three runways have been previously reported at the Choushuitzu Airfield:

- a. WNW/ESE, concrete, 5,200 x 300 feet.
- b. NW/SE, 3,300 x 250 feet.
- c. NNE/SSW, 3,300 x 300 feet.

Comment. Ta Tui does not indicate the size of the unit and may refer to components as large as regiments. This unit is probably a battalion.

this may refer to a PE-2.

Comment. This is evidently a 12.7 mm gun.

Comment. There is no JK-9 Model, but this may be a YAK-9.

Comment. If the plane is a YAK-9, it would have an M-105 engine, which is rated at between 1,085 and 1,580 horsepower at sea level.

Comment. The only YAK plane with corresponding armament is the YAK-7.

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